(b) In one case prosecution has been launched against the delinquent Army Officer. Further action in the other case would depend on the final outcome of CBI investmetigation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Rocket firing by Pakistani Troops

2341. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the beginning of July, 1994, Pakistani troops fired several rockets across the line of control into Nowshera and Ghambir sectors of Poonch and Rajouri;

(b) if so, how many times Pakistani troops resorted to rocket firing in Poonch and Rajouri sectors since the beginning of 1994;

(c) what is the number of casualties, if any and the extent of damage in the border villages under rocket attacks; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Firing by Pakistani troops across the line of control in J&K is a regular feature. In recent past Pakistan has been firing rockets from across the line of control.

(b) During the period 1 Jan., 94 to 28 July 94, 53 rockets were fired in Poonch sector and 60 rockets were fired in Rajouri sector.

(c) There have been no reports of casualties on our side of the border.

(d) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on national security and appropriate measures are taken as required.

Disappearance of MIG-21 trainer aircraft

2342. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-21 trainer aircraft with two pilots abroad has disappeared in the Chamba district and has not been traced so far; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) On July 19, 1994, a type 69B aircraft (MIG-21 trainer) with two pilots on board, got airborne from Pathankot Airfield at 0950 hours for a routine instrument/cloud flying exercise. Approximately 15 minutes after take off, the radar lost contact with it. Inspite of best efforts from base, no radar or radio contact could be established with the aircraft. Later, the wreckage of the aircraft was located on 23rd July, 1994. Both the pilots were killed.

Manufacture of Solar cells by Bharat Electronics Ltd.

2343. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Ltd. is taking up the manufacture of terrestrial solar cells;

(b) if so, the present production capacity of Bharat Electronics Ltd.;

(c) whether Bharat Electronic also propose to export solar cells; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Bharat Electronics Limtied (BEL) have signed an agreement with M|s Spire Corporation, U.S.A., early this year, for setting up of manufacturing facilities for solar cells at their unit in Bangalore. This will be a new line of production for BEL. The facilities will be covered by the Electronics

Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) Scheme.

BEL have signed another agreement with M|s Rexor Corporation, California, U.S.A., for the export of these solar cells. In terms of this agreement, M|s Rexor Corporation will supply to BEL the raw materials, free of charge, for production of solar cells. M|s Rexor Corporation will buy back tht entire production of solar cells.

The manufacturing lines are expected to be installed by January, 1995. Trial production will cmmence in February 1995 and commercial production in March-April 1995. Export of solar cells is expected to start two to three months after successful commissioning and trial production.

Production in the first four years of operation is planned as under:—

Year of Operation	Annual Production
Ist Year	1.125 MW
2nd Year	1.650 MW
3rd Year	2·000 MW
4th Year	2·250 MW

The yearly export is likely to reach a level of US doller 2 million in the fourth year of operation.

Naval facilities to Indonesia

2344. SHRI K. R. MALKANI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indonesia has approached India for repairs, bunkering and other faciilties for its Navy in India; and

(b) what would be the terms and conditions of these services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

Hurdles in country's defence preparedness

2345. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will tne PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's defence preparedness has been experiencing major hurdles due to non-replacement of ageing equipments and due to difficulties in procuring spares from its exclusive sources abroad;

(b) the countries on which Government have been dependent for procuring spares for the Defence Equipments;

(c) whether Government have been comtemplating any long term as well as short ferm programmes to escape such hindrances and|or smoothening the process of Defence preparedness: and

(d) what are the preprammes towards indigenisation of Defence equipments and armaments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Immediately following the disintegration of the erstwhile USSR, there had been some dislocation in our defence transactions with it's successor States. Government have since then etab]ished direct contacts with the concerned newly independent States and have rectived assurances and expressions of interest with regard to maintenance of cooperation with India in the defence sector. Continuous contact is being maintained to ensure smooth flow of supplies. Simultaneously, Government is also pursuing other measures to sustain defence imports from other sources and to strengthen the indigenous production facilities to ensure that the defence requirements of the country are fully met. Defence supplies are received form the CIS Countries and East and West European sources.